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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2206 (2015) concerning South Sudan

Note verbale dated 27 July 2015 from the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

1. The Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2206 (2015) concerning South Sudan and has the honour to, in accordance with paragraph 17 of Security Council resolution 2206 (2015), report to the Committee on the steps taken to implement effectively paragraphs 9 and 12 of the resolution.

2. Sweden and the other States members of the European Union have jointly implemented the restrictive measures against South Sudan imposed by Security Council resolution 2206 (2015) through the adoption of Council decision 2015/740/CFSP of 7 May 2015 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in South Sudan and repealing decision 2014/449/CFSP, and by adopting Council regulation (EU) 2015/735 of 7 May 2015 concerning restrictive measures in respect of the situation in South Sudan and repealing regulation (EU) No. 748/2014. The repealed legal acts concerned autonomous restrictive measures of the European Union which have now been integrated with the restrictive measures of the United Nations.

3. Article 5 of Council regulation (EU) 2015/735 implements the assets freeze and the prohibition to make funds available to any natural or legal person, entity and body identified by the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2206 (2015). In addition, Council regulation (EU) 2015/735 allows for the Council to impose an assets freeze and a prohibition to make funds available to natural or legal persons, entities and bodies not designated by the Sanctions Committee that obstruct the political process in South Sudan, including by acts of violence or violations of ceasefire agreements, as well as persons responsible for serious violations of human rights, and persons associated with them. European Union regulations are directly binding in Sweden.

4. The travel restrictions concerning persons designated by the Security Council Committee established pursuant to paragraph 9 of Security Council resolution 2206 (2015) were implemented through article 3.1.a of Council decision 2015/740. The Council decision, through its article 3.1.b, also allows for the European Union to

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impose travel restrictions against persons not designated by the Sanctions Committee who obstruct the political process in South Sudan, including by acts of violence or violations of ceasefire agreements, as well as persons responsible for serious violations of human rights, and persons associated with them.

5. Sweden's general aliens legislation (the Aliens Act 2005:716), together with Council decision 2015/740 and Council regulation (EC) No. 539/2001, provides the basis for refusal of entry and denial of visa requests.